executing encryption processing for each <u>spatial rectangle region</u>~~tile~~, each of which is located at a lower layer belonging to the designated <u>spatial rectangle region </u>~~tile~~group, by using an encryption key generated for ~~the tile~~<u>each spatial rectangle region</u>.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~2~~ *1*, wherein the function ~~ROM~~ generates the key information by using coordinate position information of a <u>spatial rectangle region </u>~~tile~~group or a <u>spatial rectangle region </u>~~tile~~located at the lower layer.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the encryption key information of the uppermost layer is output to a predetermined authentication server on the Internet.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein

the method further comprises a step of displaying the received encoded data as a hierarchical structure of <u>spatial rectangle regions </u>~~tiles~~and <u>spatial rectangle region </u>~~tile~~groups, and

the desired <u>spatial rectangle region </u>~~tile~~group of the desired layer is designated from the hierarchical structure displayed in the display step.

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